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SUBJ: MOROCCO DENIES INVOLVEMENT WITH IRAQIS SEEKING ASYLUM

REF: (A) STATE 23729, (B) BAGHDAD 202

1. NOTING ALLEGATIONS OF "CERTAIN PRESS AGENCIES" THAT MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES HAD COLLABORATED WITH "CERTAIN FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES" TO FACILITATE THE VOYAGE OF THE 35 IRAQI CHRISTIANS PRESENTLY SEEKING ASYLUM IN NEW YORK, THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT ON FEBRUARY 1 CATEGORICALLY DENYING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE AFFAIR. SUCH ALLEGATIONS WERE "TOTALLY UNFOUNDED AND HAVE BEEN CREATED OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH TO DAMAGE THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND IRAQ."

2. THE GOM EMPHASIZED THAT THE IRAQIS HAD EMBARKED IN ATHENS WITH REGULAR PASSPORTS AND VISAS VALID FOR EL SALVADOR. THEY WERE TO HAVE TRANSITED NEW YORK, MONTREAL, AND MEXICO ENROUTE TO SAN SALVADOR.

3. COMMENT: THE GOM, ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN A MODERATE IRAQI VIEW OF THE SAHARA ISSUE AND TO CONTINUE A CONCILIATORY ROLE
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ON THE MIDDLE EAST WITH RESPECT TO SADAT AND THE HARD-LINE ARAB STATES, OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT WANT THIS INCIDENT TO HAVE A NEGATIVE SPILLOVER ON MORE VITAL INTERESTS.
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